Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—Is there any objection to construct a tank in mala even though there is no application for the same?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—If any petition is received from the people Government will consider.

Kallanchira well—Chittur Taluk—Repairs to.

57. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.—Will the Government be plessed to state:—

(1) whether the well sunk for the Devankar Chetties of Kallanchira, Chittur Taluk, is for supplying them with good drinking water;

(2) whether any enquiry has yet been made to ascertain if the well in question will serve the purpose for which it is intended;

(3) whether the Government is not aware that there is no water in the said well; if not, will they be pleased to enquire about it?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(1) and (2) Yes.

(3) Yes. Rock was blasted to 10 feet depth and it has been decided to try a bore hole.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What is the purpose of tanks and wells if there is no water in them?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—There is no water in them only in the hottest part of the year.

Antimalarial operations—Chittur Taluk.

58. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what they have done to eradicate malaria from Moongalmadai, Vannamadai, Meenakshipuram, Kalyanapetta, etc., of the Chittur taluk;

(2) are these places not notorious for its inhabitants having enlarged spleens, etc. (പ്ലീഹരോഗം)?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(1) Anti-malarial operations are conducted to eradicate malaria from Chittur Taluk; but it was confined only to Chittur town till now. This year the operations were extended to Pattancheri and the border of Nanniode. Similarily it shall be extended to other parts of the Taluk

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according to the availability of funds. Quinine and Almaria were distributed freely among the people of the malarial tracts.

(2) Majority of the people of these localities have enlarged spleens.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Was Malaria more prevalent in Chittur Town than in any of these places?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—The Malaria expert of the Government of Madras who came here reported that Malaria was in the Chittur Town and so it was taken up in the Chittur Town in the first instance.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is it more virulent in the Chittur Town than in the neighbouring villages?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon—He made certain definite recommendations to take up work in the Chittur Town and then to extend it to Pattancheri and Nanniode in the Chittur Taluk.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—From the answer it is seen that the majority of the people of these localities had enlarged spleens. That is a bold and sad admission. Yet funds are not available to extend the anti-malarial aid to all parts of this taluk!

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Anti malarial aid was only started only during the last three years. It will be extended gradually to the other parts of the Taluk also.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Will it not be too late for us to give aid? It will become too costly to extend this aid to the taluk.

Commissioner under the Workmen's Compensation Regulation—appointment of.

59. Mr. H. J. Walmesley.—(1) have the Government yet appointed a Commissioner and framed rules under the Workmen's Compensation Regulation to which the Royal Assent was given on 15th November 1935;

(2) if the answer to the last question is in the negative, is Government aware of the great inconvenience to employers and the possibility of considerable hardship to injured employees caused by the prolonged delay in appointing a Commissioner and in framing rules after the final passing of the Regulation?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—(1) Yes.

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